

I'm Totally That
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Comedy sketch idea about an ACTOR reviewing with an admin at a movie studio an itemized breakdown of the exact amount he is being paid for a scene he did in a movie, based on how much effort each shot would have required of an actual person in that same situation:

1. In one shot he is merely turning a brochure stand in a hotel lobby, which scarcely involves any effort. \$3.59
2. In another shot he is pacing back and forth, while it is another actor, playing his thug partner, who verbally threatens the hotel clerk. The ACTOR is just pacing, so, scarcely any effort. \$4.22
3. For his delivery of the line, "Hey, we gotta leave!", he is to be paid \$5.22 per word, except the word "leave!", as he pronounces it with greater intensity, so, \$7.44. The ACTOR tries to explain how perhaps this word might have been worth \$9.22, as there was an extra touch of fear in his voice that drove the energy of the scene. He is able to negotiate it up to \$8.59 for "leave!", only after lowering the per word charge for the other three words to \$2.44. It is pointed out he would have made more money the other way, however, he insists it is more important to him that he receive his fair due for "leave!", therefore he's willing to take the loss.
4. The ACTOR is charged \$3 for the cup of coffee he drank during the scene. He argues that the script called for it, however, the admin says he could have faked it.

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